

tions for an alternate" for "nominate an alternate or alternates" and inserted at end "However, no producer-packer who, during any three of the preceding five years, purchased for resale more honey than such producer-packer produced shall be eligible for nomination or appointment to the Honey Board as a producer described in subparagraph (A) or as an alternate to such producer."

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 101-624, §1983(1)(A), added subpar. (C) and struck out former subpar. (C) which read as follows: "two members who are importers appointed from nominations submitted by the Committee from recommendations made by industry organizations representing importer interests;"

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 101-624, §1983(1)(D), inserted before period at end " , except that if, as a result of the adjustment of the boundaries of the regions established under paragraph (2)(A), a producer member or alternate is no longer from the region from which such person was appointed, such member or alternate may serve out the term for which such person was appointed".

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 101-624, §1984(a)(1), substituted new second sentence for "For the first year in which the plan is in effect, the assessment rate shall be \$0.01 per pound, with payment to be made in the manner described in section 4608 of this title. After the first year, the Honey Board may submit to the Secretary a request for an increase in the assessment rate not to exceed 0.5 cent per year, but at no time may the total assessment rate exceed \$0.04 per pound."

Subsec. (e)(2), (3). Pub. L. 101-624, §1984(a)(2), added pars. (2) and (3) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: "A producer or producer-packer who produces, or handles, or produces and handles less than six thousand pounds of honey per year or an importer who imports less than six thousand pounds of honey per year shall be exempt from the assessment. In order to claim such an exemption, a person shall submit an application to the Honey Board stating that their production, handling, or importation of honey shall not exceed six thousand pounds for the year for which the exemption is claimed."

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 101-624, §1983(2), added subsec. (k).

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4602, 4608, 4611 of this title.

§ 4607. Permissive terms and provisions

On the recommendation of the Honey Board, and with the approval of the Secretary, an order issued pursuant to this chapter may contain one or more of the following provisions:

(1) Providing authority to exempt from the provisions of the order honey used for exporting and providing authority for the Honey Board to require satisfactory safeguards against improper use of such exemption.

(2) Providing that in a State with an existing marketing order with respect to honey, the objectives of which the Secretary determines are comparable to the program established under this chapter, there shall be paid to the Honey Board as provided in section 4608 of this title that portion of the national assessment which is above the State assessment, if any, actually paid on such honey.

(3) Providing for authority to designate different handler payment and reporting schedules to recognize differences in marketing practices and procedures.

(4) Providing that the Honey Board may convene from time to time working groups drawn from producers, honey handlers, importers, exporters, members of the wholesale or retail

outlets for honey, or other members of the public to assist in the development of research and marketing programs for honey.

(5) Providing for authority to accumulate reserve funds from assessments collected pursuant to this chapter to permit an effective and continuous coordinated program of research, promotion, and consumer information, in years when the production and assessment income may be reduced, but the total reserve fund may not exceed the amount budgeted for one year's operation.

(6) Providing for the authority to use funds collected under this chapter with the approval of the Secretary for the development and expansion of honey and honey product sales in foreign markets.

(7) Providing for terms and conditions incidental to, and not inconsistent with, the terms and conditions specified in this chapter and necessary to effectuate the other provisions of such an order.

(Pub. L. 98-590, §8, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3119.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 4606 of this title.

§ 4608. Collection of assessments; refunds

(a) First handler of honey

Except as provided by subsections (c), (d), (e), and (i) of this section, the first handler of honey shall be responsible for the collection from the producer, and payment to the Honey Board, of assessments authorized by this chapter.

(b) Records

The first handler shall maintain a separate record on each producer's honey so handled, including honey owned by the handler.

(c) Time for payment; remission

The assessment on imported honey and honey products shall be paid by the importer at the time of entry into the United States and shall be remitted to the Honey Board.

(d) Loan and loan deficiency payments; deduction from disbursement of loan funds or loan deficiency payment made to producer

In any case in which a loan, or a loan deficiency payment is made with respect to honey under the honey price support loan program established under the Agricultural Act of 1949 [7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.], or successor statute, the Secretary shall provide for the assessment to be deducted from the disbursement of any loan funds or from the loan deficiency payment made to the producer and for the amount of such assessment to be forwarded to the Honey Board. The Secretary shall provide for the producer to receive a statement of the amount of the assessment deducted from the loan funds or loan deficiency payment promptly after each occasion when an assessment is deducted from any such loan funds or payment under this subsection.

(e) Producer-packers

Producer-packers shall pay to the Honey Board the assessment on the honey they produce.

(f) Inspection; books and records

Handlers, importers, and producer-packers responsible for payment of assessments, and per-